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Chansonnier Mariposa Festival Hit

TORONTO (CP) — Gilles Vigneault proved that you don't need a good voice to sing well. Nor do you need to sing in the same language as your audience.

"I'll try it in English. But French is easier," he told the crowd of about 5,000 at the closing concert of the three day Mariposa Folk Festival. But it made no difference.

The 38-year-old chansonnier from Natashquan, Que., whose voice is a foggy tenor, sang Mon Pays, danced a jig, and exuded such charm that the crowd clapped and cheered him.

Joni Mitchell, the lissome, 25-year-old blonde from Port Macleod, Alta., was repeatedly called back to sing from a repertoire of more than 100 songs.

Tom Kines of Ottawa, sang tunes about the Ottawa Valley and the Atlantic provinces, like the Nova Scotia ballad The Devil and the Farmer's Wife.

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